

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
AUGUST 24, 2010**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle was absent. Mayor Schmitt said Bob Sunderman and Jill Cravener were present to represent the street department.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 10, 2010. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

**TRUCK QUOTES - STREET DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein opened and read the following sealed quotes for a 2011 one-ton utility truck without a trade in for the street department:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Price</b>
Bob Luegers Motor	\$35,903.00
Ruxer Ford	\$35,301.00
Sternberg, Inc	\$36,882.35
Uebelhor & Sons	\$35,623.00

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the quotes under advisement and have the street commissioner review and report back at the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

### **5K RUN/WALK FUND RAISER**

Stacy Lindauer, representing Jasper Young Life, asked permission to hold a 5K run/walk fundraiser on Saturday, October 9, 2010 with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. and the run/walk starting at 8:00 a.m. The route is different from last year. She said they would start at the north parking lot at the Jasper Middle School, then south on Portersville Road to 36<sup>th</sup> Street, then west to Grassland Hills Road, then to 31<sup>st</sup> Street, then to Bittersweet Drive then back to 36<sup>th</sup> Street, then Portersville Road and back to the Middle School.

Mayor Schmitt suggested Lindauer draw the route on a map, get with the police chief to work out the details, and have the chief bring the information to the next meeting. Building Commissioner Dave Seger reminded Lindauer that part of the route along 36<sup>th</sup> Street is in the County.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to table the request until the police chief has an opportunity to work with Stacy to work out all the details. Motion carried 3-0.

### **KIDS' DAY**

Ann Recker, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use the sidewalks around the Square for the annual Kids' Day event on October 2, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with setup at 8:00 a.m. Recker said the Square will remain open to traffic.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association to use the sidewalks around the Square for Kids' Day on October 2, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with set up at 8:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### ***PUBLIC HEARING***

At 8:15 a.m. Mayor Schmitt opened a public hearing that was advertised for that time.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments concerning the increase of trash sticker fees from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for trash pickup in the City of Jasper beginning October 1, 2010.

A notice about the public hearing appeared in the Herald on August 9, 2010 and was also posted at City Hall and faxed to the news media.

Mayor Schmitt said dwindling revenues made it necessary for the City to look at other avenues without cutting services. Based on 2009 figures, for trash collection there was a shortfall of \$50,716.10 and for the recycling collection there was a shortfall of \$179,684.34.

Mayor Schmitt asked if there were any comments from the public.

Bill Pfister, 240 Daisy Lane, appealed to the Board not to increase the price for a trash sticker to \$1.50. He said a majority of the people believe the cost for this service is built into the tax structure. He encouraged the Board to make every effort to find other ways to fund this service. The average person has 2-3 bags of trash a week and with this increase that would cost them an average of \$50.00 to \$60.00 a year. Pfister said discussion about this issue is a classic example of the silent majority.

Mayor Schmitt asked if there were any other comments from the public. No more comments were received.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to close the public hearing. The motion carried 3-0 and the hearing closed at 8:23 a.m.

Mayor Schmitt said although economically we are having tough times, the City has less revenue to provide services to which we are accustomed. The legislature has created the property tax cap thus our property tax revenue has dwindled plus the COIT and EDIT dollars are down twenty percent. It is not fair for those who do not use the service to pay for those who use it. It is time the users of the trash service pay for part of the service. It is not just an issue whether or not we increase the fee but do we stop the service altogether. We did look at a lot of other avenues. Schmitt said this decision does not come easy but he feels it is necessary. When we go to the store we buy the same products and in the last five years the cost for those products has increased.

Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter said he hopes people recycle more and have less bags of trash. He said we looked at other options. We do not want to change to picking up trash every other week then we will have problems. Increasing the tag price is not the most desired option but it is the first option we have to provide this service and keep Jasper the community it is.

Thomas Schmidt said he had a call from one person and he said he is for the increase, understands why it is necessary, and wonders why it wasn't proposed before.

Mayor Schmitt said some people say they do not recycle so they are not interested in the program. Schmitt said he responds by telling them that they are adding to the problem and filling up the landfills and some day the landfill will be full if they do not recycle.

### **RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2010-3**

Mayor Schmitt then read Resolution No. BPWS 2010-3 entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, REGARDING THE FEE FOR TRASH STICKERS.

The fee for each trash sticker will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 beginning October 1, 2010.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve Resolution No. BPWS 2010-3. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ST. JUDE GIVE THANKS WALK**

B.J. Voll, representing the St. Jude Jasper Give Thanks Walk committee, asked permission to have a Give Thanks walk on November 20, 2010. The Give Thanks program is a national program and Jasper was chosen for this event. She said the Holy Family parking lot and the school cafeteria have been made available for them to use. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The route begins at the Holy Family School parking lot, travels west on Church Avenue, south on South Newton Street, then east on Hochgesang Avenue, south on Brames Road, east on Brandon Avenue, north on Justin Street, east on Hopf Avenue, north on Maurice Street, west on Schroeder Avenue, north on Brames, east on Church Avenue and back to the parking lot.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the St Jude Give Thanks walk committee to use certain streets as mentioned for the route on November 20, 2010, with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the walk starting at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Hemmerlein gave Voll a copy of the City's guidelines for such events.

### **CLOSE ALLEY**

Tom Schroering with Schroering Construction asked permission to close the alley between Sturm's Hardware and the former Late Nites building sometime in September to make some repairs.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the closing of the alley between Sturm's Hardware and the former Late Nites for repairs sometime in September on condition he notifies the street department when he knows the date the work will be done. Motion carried 3-0.

### **INFRARED PATCHER QUOTES**

Bob Sunderman, representing the street department, presented quotes for an infrared patcher. He explained how such equipment is used.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Price</b>
Asphalt Reheat Systems, LLC Madison, Wisconsin	4'x6' Portable Unit	\$7,027.00
W.A. Jones Truck & Equip Columbus City, Indiana	KM2-18X	\$7,950.00

Ray-Tech Infrared Corp.  
Charleston, New Hampshire

Tech 20

Not compatible  
No quote

After several years of research and exploring many different types and sizes of infrared asphalt patchers, the street department recommends the 4'x 6' portable unit from Asphalt Reheat Systems for \$7,027.00 because it best suits the needs of the department based on size, weight, portability, and cost. This 4'x 6' unit is also capable of being expandable to fit future needs.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to accept the low quote from Asphalt Reheat Systems, LLC for an infrared patcher for \$7,027.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PERFORMANCE BOND EXTENSION**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said Steve Braun developer for the Braun 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition is asking for a three-month extension on the performance bond for that subdivision that expires September 1, 2010. The surety is in place. Dave Seger said the bond is for road widening but before Braun can widen the road, the County needs to tell him what to do to get the work done. This is an unusual situation and since this area is located outside of the City, the County needs to tell Braun how they want the road widened in this particular area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to extend the performance bond for three months. Motion carried 3-0.

### **WALKING PATH**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said at the last meeting it was discussed about having a five ft sidewalk two feet from the back of the curb for the walking path along St. Charles between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Schuetter Road. Since that meeting he met with a certain property owner in that area to discuss the project. The property owner expressed some concern about the sidewalk being two feet from the curb. The property owner proposed installing a six ft sidewalk and go directly behind the curb.

Hurm said the project can be designed so the sidewalk is six feet wide directly behind the curb by this property owner and have a grassy strip at the other areas.

Hurm also said the street department is getting ready to do the culvert repair work in this area. The electric department said Frontier has a pole attachment agreement so the poles in that area have to stay so the electric lines will not go underground.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt that the sidewalk along St. Charles Street be built at 20<sup>th</sup> Street to the south side of the Katter property with a grass strip then transition by Katter's property with a six ft sidewalk in front. Motion carried 3-0.

## **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Location</b>
Dollar General Store 2144	4117 Mannheim Rd, Badendorff Add Lots 6 and 7
Kari E. Miles	PT SW SE 14-1-5 .758 A
Evan Nichols	4115 Mannheim Road, Badendorff Add Pt Lot 5

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Vehicle report.** Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented the July 2010 Jasper Fire Department monthly vehicle and maintenance report.

**Fire station #2.** Chief Hochgesang reported that work began last week on the Holy Family Fire Station. Since the insurance company will only replace what was damaged, there are two issues that need to be addressed. The door is still good but the spring could fail and it may need to be replaced. The shingles on the building are from 1979 and only the ones on the front will be replaced which means the new shingles will not match the old ones on the other parts of the building.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police station roof.** Police Chief Doug Tarvin reported that a contractor took measurements for replacing the rubber roof at the police station and the city engineer is working on the bid specs.

**Mill Street Incident.** Mayor Schmitt said in regards to the Mill Street incident, he would like for the two police officers and the young boy who assisted to come to the next meeting to be officially recognized.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 14th day of September, 2010.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary